

**OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
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DISPOSITION OF PATIENT

Section 97264

The patient's disposition, defined as the consequent arrangement or event ending a patient's encounter in the reporting facility, shall be reported as one of the following:

DISCUSSION

Specifications for reporting this data element with the Record Entry Form for online web entry of individual records or online data file transmission for encounters occurring on or after January 1, 2006:

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- 01 Discharged to home or self care (routine discharge)
- 02 Discharged/transferred to a short term general hospital for inpatient care
- 03 Discharged/transferred to skilled nursing facility (SNF) with Medicare certification in anticipation of covered skilled care
- 04 Discharged/transferred to an intermediate care facility (ICF)
- 05 Discharged/transferred to another type of institution not defined elsewhere in this code list
- 06 Discharged/transferred to home under care of organized home health service organization in anticipation of covered skilled care
- 07 Left against medical advice or discontinued care
- 20 Expired
- 43 Discharged/transferred to a federal health care facility
- 50 Discharged home with hospice care
- 51 Discharged to a medical facility with hospice care
- 61 Discharged/transferred to a hospital-based Medicare approved swing bed
- 62 Discharged/transferred to an inpatient rehabilitation facility (IRF) including rehabilitation distinct part unit of a hospital
- 63 Discharged/transferred to a Medicare certified long term care hospital (LTCH)
- 64 Discharged/transferred to a nursing facility certified under Medicaid (Medi-Cal), but not certified under Medicare
- 65 Discharged/transferred to a psychiatric hospital or psychiatric distinct part unit of a hospital
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(a) *Discharged to home or self care (routine discharge).*

DISCUSSION

This category includes the following discharges or transfers:

- Patients who go home directly after treatment
- Home environment (e.g.: half-way house, group home, community care facility, foster care, woman's shelter)
- Residential care facilities
- Court/law enforcement (including patients discharged to a correctional institution or law enforcement custody)
- Home with non-home health or non-hospice care services, such as services by a durable medical equipment (DME) supplier or services related to home oxygen
- Homeless

This category also includes various types of facilities that provide supportive and custodial care. These facilities are licensed by the California Department of Social Services and are not considered to be health facilities. The facilities are referred to by a variety of terms (e.g., board and care, residential care facilities for the elderly). This category is used to indicate discharge to a location not licensed as a medical facility by the Department of Health Services, such as Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers (MHRC).

This category **does not include** patients sent to home health care or to home with hospice care. See (f) and (j).

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(b) Discharged/transferred to a short term general hospital for inpatient care.

DISCUSSION

This category includes patients discharged or transferred to inpatient hospital care.

See also (l) and (n);

This category **does not include** patients discharged or transferred to physical medicine rehabilitation facilities, or rehabilitation distinct part of a hospital, or psychiatric facilities, or psychiatric distinct part unit of a hospital. See (m) and (p).

(c) Discharged/transferred to a skilled nursing facility (SNF) with Medicare certification in anticipation of covered skilled care.

DISCUSSION

This category includes the following discharges or transfers:

- SNF facility or skilled nursing distinct part of a hospital that provides supportive and nursing care to patients whose primary need is for skilled nursing care on an extended basis
- SNF certified by Medicare
- Rehabilitation unit in a SNF
- Institute for Mental Disease (IMD), if licensed by California Department of Health Services as SNFs. If IMD is not licensed by the California Department of Health Services as SNF, this can be reported as Federal health care facility. See (i).

This category **does not include** patients discharged or transferred to facilities with a Medicare approved skilled nursing swing bed. See (l).

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(d) Discharged/transferred to an intermediate care facility (ICF).

DISCUSSION

This category includes the following discharges or transfers:

- Intermediate care facility or a distinct part of a hospital or SNF that provides inpatient care to ambulatory or non-ambulatory patients who have recurring need for skilled nursing supervision and need supportive care, but who do not require availability of continuous nursing care
- Non-certified SNFs:
- Skilled nursing level of care in the state designated assisted living facilities

(e) Discharged/Transferred to another type of institution not defined elsewhere in this code list.

DISCUSSION

A patient discharged or transferred to a health care institution not otherwise mentioned in (a)-(q). Patients discharged to Urgent Care or Chemical Dependency care are examples of what would be reported in this category.

(f) Discharged/transferred to home under care of organized home health service organization in anticipation of covered skilled care.

DISCUSSION

This category includes the following discharges or transfers:

- Home with healthcare services provided to patients at their place of residence at a level less intensive than health facility requirements. Services under an organized home health service organization may include nursing care, respiratory/inhalation therapy, electrocardiology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and recreational therapy
- Home with a written home health plan of care for home health care services

This category **does not include** discharges or transfers to home with hospice services. See (j).

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(g) Left against medical advice or discontinued care.

DISCUSSION

This category includes patients who:

- Left against medical advice (AMA);
- Discontinued care
 - If patient is seen by a provider, report as an encounter to OSHPD
 - If patient did not see a provider, do not report to OSHPD*

* According to NUBC, this category includes patients who left without being seen (LWBS). Patients who leave your facility before seeing a provider are not considered an encounter. This record should not be reported to OSHPD. See definition of a provider in Subsection (t) of Section 97212.

(h) Expired

DISCUSSION

All episodes of care that resulted in death before patient left the facility.

(i) Discharged/transferred to a Federal health care facility.

DISCUSSION

This category includes the following discharges or transfers:

- Federal government owned health care facilities such as Veterans Administration hospitals, Department of Defense hospitals, or Public Health Services hospitals
- Institute for Mental Disease (IMD). If the facility is not licensed by the California Department of Health Services as SNF, it can be reported as a Federal health care facility.

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(j) Discharged home with hospice care.

DISCUSSION

This category includes patients discharged or transferred to home with hospice care.

A hospice program is a centrally administered program of palliative and support services which provide psychological, social and spiritual care for dying persons and their families, focusing on pain and symptom control for the patient.

This category **does not include** discharges or transfers to home or home health services. See (a) and (f).

(k) Discharged to a medical facility with hospice care.

DISCUSSION

This category includes patients discharged or transferred to any medical facility for hospice care only.

A hospice program is a centrally administered program of palliative and support services which provide psychological, social and spiritual care for dying persons and their families, focusing on pain and symptom control for the patient.

(l) Discharged/transferred to a hospital-based Medicare approved swing bed

DISCUSSION

This category includes patients discharged or transferred to a SNF level of care within the hospital's Medicare approved swing bed arrangement.

(m) Discharged/transferred to an inpatient rehabilitation facility (IRF) including rehabilitation distinct part unit of a hospital.

DISCUSSION

This category includes patients discharged or transferred to a rehabilitation facility or to a rehabilitation distinct part of a hospital.

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(n) *Discharged/transferred to a Medicare certified long term care hospital (LTCH).*

DISCUSSION

This category includes patients discharged or transferred to a long term care hospital that provides acute inpatient care with an average length of stay greater than 25 days.

This category **does not include** discharges and transfers to SNF facility certified by Medicare or ICF facility or SNF facility certified by Medicaid (Medi-Cal). See (c), (d), and (o).

(o) *Discharged/transferred to a nursing facility certified under Medicaid (Medi-Cal), but not certified under Medicare.*

DISCUSSION

This category includes the following discharges or transfers:

- SNF level of care within the hospital's non-Medicare approved swing bed arrangement
- Skilled nursing bed for the Medi-Cal Subacute Care Program
- Skilled nursing bed for the Medi-Cal Transitional Care Program
- Skilled nursing bed in a Congregate Living Health Facility licensed by California Department of Health Services
- Institute for Mental Disease (IMD), if licensed by California Department of Health Services as SNFs. If IMD is not licensed by the California Department of Health Services as SNF, this can be reported as federal health care facility. See (i).

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(p) Discharged/transferred to a psychiatric hospital or psychiatric distinct part unit of a hospital.

DISCUSSION

This category includes patients discharged or transferred to a psychiatric facility or to a psychiatric distinct part of a hospital.

This category has a code of 65 that was approved by the National Uniform Billing Committee and its standard use is effective April 1, 2004, regardless of payer requirements.

(q) Discharged/transferred to a Critical Access Hospital (CAH).

DISCUSSION

This category includes patients discharged or transferred to a hospital designated as a Critical Access Hospital.

(r) Other

DISCUSSION

This category **does not include** health care institutions which would otherwise be categorized in (e) above.

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EXAMPLE 1

**DISPOSITION OF PATIENT TO
HOME**

1. John is discharged/transferred to a residential care facility. The correct disposition would be:

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EXAMPLE 2

**DISPOSITION OF PATIENT TO
HOME HEALTH SERVICES**

2. John is discharged/transferred to home with respiratory therapy services. The correct disposition would be:

14. DISPOSITION OF PATIENT

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EXAMPLE 3

**DISPOSITION OF PATIENT TO
HOME – HOSPICE CARE**

3. John is discharged/transferred from your facility to home with hospice care. The correct disposition would be:

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EXAMPLE 4

**DISPOSITION OF PATIENT TO
SKILLED NURSING**

4. Lucy is discharged/transferred to skilled nursing care at a Medicare and Medi-Cal certified facility. The correct disposition would be:

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EXAMPLE 5

**DISPOSITION OF PATIENT TO
SKILLED NURSING**

5. Lucy is discharged/transferred to skilled nursing care at a Medicaid (Medi-Cal) certified facility that is not certified for Medicare. The correct disposition would be:

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EXAMPLE 6

**DISPOSITION OF PATIENT TO A
FEDERAL HEALTH FACILITY**

6. Karen is discharged to a Federal hospital. The correct disposition would be:

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**DISPOSITION OF PATIENT TO A
SHORT TERM CARE HOSPITAL**

7. Daniel is discharged/transferred to a general hospital for inpatient care where it is presumed he will stay for 5 days. The correct disposition would be:

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- 01 Discharged to home or self care (routine discharge)
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EXAMPLE 8

**DISPOSITION OF PATIENT TO A
REHABILITATION FACILITY**

8. Terry is discharged/transferred to an inpatient rehabilitation facility. The correct disposition would be:

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EXAMPLE 9

**DISPOSITION OF PATIENT TO A
PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY**

9. Krista is discharged/transferred to a psychiatric hospital. The correct disposition would be:

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EXAMPLE 10

**DISPOSITION OF PATIENT TO A
SWING BED**

- 10.** Vern is discharged to a hospital-based Medicare approved swing bed at your hospital.
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EXAMPLE 11

**DISPOSITION OF PATIENT TO
LONG TERM CARE**

11. Betty is discharged to a Medicare certified hospital for long term care. It is presumed she will stay for longer than 25 days. The correct disposition would be:

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6 3

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EXAMPLE 12

**DISPOSITION OF PATIENT
EXPIRED**

12. Frank died at your facility while receiving treatment. The correct disposition would be:

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- 63 Discharged/transferred to a Medicare certified long term care hospital (LTCH)
- 64 Discharged/transferred to a nursing facility certified under Medicaid (Medi-Cal), but not certified under Medicare
- 65 Discharged/transferred to a psychiatric hospital or psychiatric distinct part unit of a hospital
- 66 Discharged/transferred to a Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
- 00 Other

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EXAMPLE 13

**DISPOSITION OF PATIENT
DISCONTINUED CARE**

13. Carl leaves your Emergency Room after seeing a doctor but before receiving treatment. The correct disposition would be:

14. DISPOSITION OF PATIENT

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- 01 Discharged to home or self care (routine discharge)
- 02 Discharged/transferred to a short term general hospital for inpatient care
- 03 Discharged/transferred to skilled nursing facility (SNF) with Medicare certification in anticipation of covered skilled care
- 04 Discharged/transferred to an intermediate care facility (ICF)
- 05 Discharged/transferred to another type of institution not defined elsewhere in this code list
- 06 Discharged/transferred to home under care of organized home health service organization in anticipation of covered skilled care
- 07 Left against medical advice or discontinued care
- 20 Expired
- 43 Discharged/transferred to a federal health care facility
- 50 Discharged home with hospice care
- 51 Discharged to a medical facility with hospice care
- 61 Discharged/transferred to a hospital-based Medicare approved swing bed
- 62 Discharged/transferred to an inpatient rehabilitation facility (IRF) including rehabilitation distinct part unit of a hospital
- 63 Discharged/transferred to a Medicare certified long term care hospital (LTCH)
- 64 Discharged/transferred to a nursing facility certified under Medicaid (Medi-Cal), but not certified under Medicare
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- 00 Other

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EXAMPLE 14

**DISPOSITION OF PATIENT
LEFT WITHOUT BEING SEEN**

- 14.** Amy leaves your Emergency Room before being seen by a provider. The correct disposition would be: No record reported to OSHPD. No encounter took place because there was no face-to-face contact between the patient and the provider.

Note: for billing purposes, follow the national standard. According to NUBC's Frequently Asked Questions, dated 5/13/04 on Patient Status codes, code 07 includes patients who left without being seen (LWBS).